



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-3956)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (14-3786)

**Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (14-3955)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the August 20, 2014 Minutes. (14-3787)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. REPORTS**

### **2. Chairperson's Report on various items for August 27, 2014. (14-3788)**

**Chair Montaña shared the following articles with the Commissioners:**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

- **Gay Youths Face More Problems in Foster Care (August 27, 2014)**
- **Foster Parents Matter (Opinion, August 25, 2014)**
- **Law Boosts Transparency in Foster Care (August 24, 2014)**
- **Outraged by Child's Death (August 23, 2014)**
- **Child Welfare Post Unfilled (August 20, 2014)**
- **Next Steps on Skid Row (August 20, 2014)**
- **Grand Jury Hears of Boy's Alleged Abuse (August 19, 2014)**
- **Activists: Sheriff Acting Illegally (August 19, 2014)**
- **How not to Run L.A. County (August 17, 2014)**

#### **Daily Breeze:**

- **Los Angeles County Questions District Spending on Poor Children (August 21, 2014)**

#### **Los Angeles Daily News (Daily News):**

- **Drugging Our Kids (August 27, 2014)**

In discussing the Daily News article reported by Chairperson Montaña entitled "Drugging Our kids" (August 27, 2014), the Commission had a brief discussion regarding the issue of over medicating children in group homes/foster care. There was a consensus that the Commission should write to the Board of Supervisors expressing their concern over this issue. Commissioner Grills will prepare a draft letter for the Commission's review at the next meeting.

The Commission also discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending that the Board considers re-evaluating the circumstances surrounding the closure of Little People's World Group Home and also provide technical assistance to the provider to help keep the home open due to their history of providing a positive and nurturing environment to the children in the home.

**Staff was directed to consult with County Counsel to determine if it is within the Commission's jurisdiction to make such recommendation to the Board.**

3. Treasurer's Report for August 27, 2014. (14-3789)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,415.15.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for August 27, 2014. (14-3790)

**There was no staff report.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on August 27, 2014. (14-3791)

**In Compliance:**

**Vice Chairperson Bacio visited:**

- **Trinity Group Home - (Basye Street, El Monte, CA.), on August 26, 2014 and noted the home was in compliance. All deficiencies found during the March 14, 2014 Audit Inspection report have been corrected.**

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- **Girls Republic - (North Ivy, Monrovia, CA.), on August 6, 2014 and noted the facility was in full compliance.**

**Non Compliance:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- **Children Are Our Future "Harvey House" (Superior, Northridge, CA.), on August 25, 2014 and noted the kitchen cabinets drawers were filthy and need to be replaced, the bedroom dresser drawers also need to be replaced and the home did not have a sufficient amount of fruits and vegetables for the children. Staff was directed to forward copies of the report to the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Children and Family Services.**

**Not Home:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- **Children Are Our Future "Terry House" - (Ballinger Street, Northridge, CA.), on August 26, 2014 and noted no one was home and the phone was disconnected.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from August 21, 2014 to August 26, 2014. (14-3792)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Vice Chairperson Bacio visited:**

- **Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station - (East Valley Boulevard, Walnut, CA.), on August 21, 2014 and noted the facility manager's bathroom had a leaking toilet.**

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- **Casa Editha Foundation "Ava Lyns Group Home" - (North Hill Avenue, Pasadena, CA.), on August 26, 2014.**

**Commissioners Burton and Grills visited:**

- **Dangerfield Group Home III - (West 73rd Street, Los Angeles, CA.), on August 25, 2014.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-3793)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

#### **Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-3794)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of August 27, 2014. (14-3795)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of August 13, 2014 at 11:19 a.m.**